of Spanish prisoners at Cavite.

Treatment of Prisoners.

investigate the report, and he did so

and notified the State Department that

report, and that the Spaniards only suf-

fered where the insurgents did for want

A meeting of the United States Commis

sioners appointed to settle the trouble at

Manila will be held during the present

week, probably on Wednesday, after re-

ceiving final instructions from the Ad-

there was but little foundation for the

ULTIMATUM OF GEN. OTIS

Aguinaldo Must Retire or Be Removed by Force.

MENACING THE AMERICANS

The Filipines Continually Encreaching and Constantly Working in the Trenches, Ostensibly for Protection Against the Spanish-De mand for Recognition Made.

Manila, Sept. 16.-The situation as regards the insurgents is acute and a conflict is unavoidable, unless Aguinaido recedes from the position he has assumed.

The cause of the trouble antedates the occupation of Manila by the Americans, Aguinaldo had prepared to advance his en simultaneously with the American attack upon the city, but the day before the surrender of the town Gen. Merritt ordered Gen. Anderson to prevent the insurgents from advancing. In accordance with this order, Gen. Anderson telegraphed to Aguinaldo warning him not to advance, as it would be impossible to permit the Filipinos to enter the city.

To this telegram Aguinaldo replied laconteally, "Too late," and accordingly there was a general advance of the insurgents, which gave the Americans con-*iderable trouble, as they were unsuccessful in excluding the Filipinos entirely. and several bands of them entered the city. The Americans held these in the suburbs, however, and disarmed some of the insurgent companies.

The next morning Gen. Merritt ordered Anderson to clear the city of insurgents, but did not give him any specific instructions to use force in doing so. Gen. Anderson telegraphed Aguinoldo informing him that he must withdraw at once. In reply Aguinaldo sent missioners to Gen. Anderson who were the bearers of ten demands.

Aguinaldo's Demands. The first demand was that the Americans should be confined to the limits of the territory surrendered to them by the

Second-That the Filipinos should retire only within certain limits.

Third-That the Filipines be allowed to remain in certain convents in Manila. Fourth-That the Filipinos should have

free use of the Pasig River.

The fifth requested Gen. Merritt to consult with Aguinaide in regard to the civil appointments, though the insurgent leader intimated that he preferred American of-

The sixth demanded that the Fllipinos be allowed to retain control of the Manila water works

Seventh-That the arms taken from the Insurgents be returned to them.

Eighth-That the insurgent officers be allowed to enter the city with arms.

Ninth-That the Filipinos should share with the Americans in the booty captured in the city.

Tenth-That all negotiations be put in writing and confirmed by the commander of the American forces.

Dewey and Merritt Consult. Gen. Anderson flatly refused to discuss

these demands until the insurgent troops had been withdrawn from the city and took the insurgent commissioners before Gen Merritt. Gen. Merritt heard the demands, post-

poned his reply and immediately saw Ad miral Dewey. After consultation with the admiral, Gen. Merritt sent Gen. Anderson to Cavite with a detached command and assumed charge of the negotiations with Aguinaldo personally. The principal negotiations concerned

the control of the water supply which the Filipines insisted upon retaining, and the withdrawal of the insurgent troops. In addition to these matters the insurgent leader made these further demands:

1. That naval protection be given to the shipping of the Filipinos in the waters which the Americans controlled.

2 That the withdrawal of insurgent troops be only to the line previously pro-

2. That the Americans retire within that

The letter conveying these demands had not been answered when Gen. Merritt left, and such is the condition of

affairs which Gen. Otis inherited.

Several hundred insurgent soldiers were retaining control of the water station which they had captured without the assistance of the Americans. This they insisted upon holding on to, but they finally agreed to relinquish their absolute control and now the city has a supply of water. The Filipines can destroy the waterworks, however, whenever they wish. The captured arms were returned to the insurgents, but the Filipino troops still remained in the city,

Subsequently Aguinaldo wrote to Gen. Merritt, proposing these conditions:

Desires Joint Occupation. That the Fillpinos occupy barracks in Manila; that their troops be stationed at each of the five principal roads leading from the city, and that their principal strength be centered at Tondo, Paco and Malate. Aguinaldo clings to the idea of joint occupation.

The Americans are willing to continue the condition of things which existed prior to the surrender of Manila, but the and are constantly working in the trenches surrounding the city. They de-

hemselves against the Spanish, but acrually they are menacing the Americans The Spanish have been endeavoring to provoke a conflict, telling the Filipinos that the Americans intend to return the islands to Spain. A great many Filipino believe the story, and think that in that case the Americans would re-establish the Spanish power.

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There has been considerable petty devlitry, such as robberies, assaults, kidnaping, etc., the tendency of which is to create friction. The perpetrators usually wear insurgent uniforms.

Information is reaching the American authorities that the Spanish are inciting much of the disorder in the hope of producing trouble between the Americans and the insurgents. High Spanish officials are accused of being concerned in this scheme

Force May Be Used.

Gen. Otls is determined to terminate this equivocal situation promptly and has notified Aguinaldo that the Filipinos must withdraw by a fixed date or the Americans will use force, it being impossible for the Americans to permit armed forces not recognized as allies to occupy territory surrendered to themselves.

This ultimatum had not been answered at this writing. The Filipinos, however, insist that they are maintaining their position against the Spanish and not they had the assurance that in case the Americans should leave the Philippines. their own position would not be made worse, everything would be lovely, but they refuse to consider the impossibility of the Americans giving such assurance while they are negotiating with Spain. The Filipinos practically demand recog-

city and ignore the impossibility of the Americans granting such a demand Aguinaldo, informed your correspondent that the insurgents would insist upon receiving an assurance of recognition even at he cost of a conflict with the Americans. The uselessness of such a course being explained to him, he replied:

nition of their belligerency as a condition

Aguinaldo himself said to your correspondent yesterday:

"We can only die."

Their Hope of Reward.

"When the rebellion started independence was the sole idea of the Filipinos. Since the Americans have been forced to interfere the Filipinos hope to gain some reward from the Americans for their work and the sacrifices of blood, life, and treasure. They live for recognition of their liberty.'

This is the first public admission from Aguinaldo that the Filipinos would be satisfied with anything less than absolute independence. Aguinaldo transferred his headquarters yesterday to Malolos, thirty miles north of Manila. It was a good strategical move. Malolos is difficult to attack, and Admiral Dewey's guns won't

A gentleman connected with an expedi tion under instructions to study the situation and conditions concerning the advisability of Americans retaining the islands, has formed these conclusons from personal investigation and conversation with leading Filipinos, both of the insurgents and those not allied with them; Spanish officials, army, naval and civil Spanish business men, Spanish prisoners and foreigners of all nationalities inter

Wealth of the Philippines

"The enormous wealth and undeveloped resources of the islands," he said, "is un disputed. Then, first, the people are do cile and easily managed, and would read ily submit to any government that would control them firmly and protect and directhem without the oppression and injustic they have suffered under the Spanish "Second they are absolutely unfitted

for citizenship as the term is understood in America. "Third, the Filipinos would be unable to maintain an independent government

even in the Island of Luzon, if they could "Fourth, the Spanish would be utterly unable at any time in the near future to

discharge the duty of government toward life and property in the Island of Luzon. "Fifth, the form of government in the American territories prior to their ad-

mission to statehood would be impracti-

cable here." A Comprehensive Report.

The gentleman, an officer, has rendered report embodying these conclusions, which undoubtedly express the consensus of opinion of the men best informed here and best able to analyze the situation. The first issue of the Independencia, a Filipino newspaper, officially salutes President McKinley and the American people, assuring them of the Filipinos friendship and gratitude for assisting the Filipinos to put an end to Spanish domination in the Philippines and hopes that the Americans will recognize their inde-

Norfolk & Wash, Steambont Co Special Daylight Trip to Old

amer Norfolk will leave 7th St charf tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for trip by daylight to Old Point and Nor-olk, arriving at Old Point at 7 and Norreturn by this steamer, leaving Norfolk at 130 and Old Point at 8:30 Tuesday morn-ing, or on the night steame Tuesday, Round trip \$3.50.

Fortunes In Cuba Book on Cuba free. Cuba Land and Trading Co., 1421 F Street, sell-tf

THEY SUSPECT AGUINALDO

Administration Officials Doubt His Friendship.

THE FILIPINOS' CONGRESS

It Will Be Controlled Beyond Doubt by the Self-Styled President of the Island Government, Who, However, Attempts to Create the Impression of Fair Dealing.

With the disposition of the Philippine yet in doubt, and with every diplomatic energy hard at work to solve the problem which there confronts the United States, the attitude of the recalcitrant Aguinaldo again becomes a matter of grave concern While pretending all along to be entirely satisfied with the friendship of this country and affecting to be deeply touched by the feelings of his comparriots, who, he has claimed, have doubted his loyalty to the Filipinos because of the devotion to the Stars and Stripes, those in Washington who are in touch with the trend of events on the other side of the world are of the opinion that his protestations of friendship have but very little foundation in fact, and that it is unwise to deal with against the Americans. They say that if him in any manner other than as a doubtful character.

Good Polities.

The direct intention of the wilv leader to control the "Filipino Congress," which has been called to meet Octobe 15 at Malalos, is evident in the fact that he has arranged to select the representa tion from the district in which there has been a revolution, which will make his precedent to their withdrawal from the following sufficiently large in the congress to enable him to dictate the delib erations of the body without difficulty.

The significance of the announcemen that he will appoint the delegates in the portions of the archipelago referred to may be appreciated when it is stated that the revolution has been confined alto gether to the island of Luzon and a small section of the island of Mindana. Only upon these two islands the voting will be confined to the small section where the natives have been in revolt.

With a great show of magnanimity and nendus pretentions to fairness, Aguin aldo has agreed to permit those Span fards who have resided upon the islands for ten years to exercise the right of suffrage in the coming election. Their votes however, as no one knows better that does Aguinaido, will be overwhelming! discounted by those of the Islanders, and it is believed that there will not be a sin gle delegate or representative in the body who will not be a strong partisan of th self-styled ruler of the islands,

Perhaps the greatest amount of uncer tainty, not to say anxiety, is felt concerning the disposition of the questions Should it declare that nothing short of actual and uncompromising independent will be acceptable to the Filipinos-the influence upon the people of the archipelago, it is expected, would be such as to make the trouble which would follow of considerable moment to the United States.

An Ounce of Prevention. It is in anticipation of such complica-

tions that the Government has been making arrangements to rush more troops over the Pacific at short notice. At the first intimation of trouble, th Government will order the seizure of all the transports and other ships available for such duty, along the Pacific coast They will be hurried to the Mare Island ship yard, where repairs and the trans formation of merchant vessels to the use of Government will be made. Then they will be loaded with troops for Manila,

Two vessels, the Scandia and the Arizona, now are in the possession of the War Department, and they will, it is said soon be ready for the transportation of 5,000 troops to the Philippines. The state ment was made that these solders were to be taken to Hawaii, but this is doubted by those who have inside advices, and many believe that the men will be sent to re-enforce the forces now at Manila.

The department is anxiously awaiting advices from Gen. Otis, which, it is hoped will be somewhat more satisfactory than were those contained in the dispatches telling of Aguinaldo's continued misbe

Acting Secretary Meiklejohn said yes terday that if Aguinaldo created trouble the Government would experience no difficulty in handling him. He added that he did not apprehend any difficulty with the insurgents, but that if there were any undesirable developments the War and Navy Departments would be ready to deal with them promptly.

An Official Denial.

The State Department and the French embassy yesterday denied the report pub lished in London dispatches to the effect that M. Cambon, the French ambassador, had filed a direct protest against th course pursued by this country respect ing the occupation of Manila. The only correspondence of late that the State Department has had with the French ambassador, acting in the behalf of Bultimore and Return via B. & O.

Saturday and Sunday, September 10 ar

id for return passage until following Monday.

Flyun's Business College, 5th and K Business, shorthand, typewriting-\$15 a yr.

Spain, was in connection with the condi-THE BRITISH NILE POLICY

State Department had been informed that Spanish prisoners at this place had been inhumanly treated. Gen. Merritt was asked by the department to

A CLASH SEEMS IMMINENT

Great Britain May Demand That respondents Ordered to Cairo.

ministration. The Cabinet will meet Tuesday, and final advices to the Com-

missioners will be issued. THE EMPEROR'S GRIFF. seems Chosen by Destiny to Suffer Direst Misfortunes. Vienna, Sept. 10.-Emperor Francis Joeph returned to Vienna yesterday from Hungary, and should have gone tomorrow to attend the maneuvers in the north of Hungary, but instead he charged Staff Major Beck to replace him. The emperor remains at Schoenbrunn and goes tomorrow to the rallway station to meet his youngest daughter, who is hurrying there to console her griefstricken father. Wednesday. Everyone sympathizes in the terrible

misfortune which has befallen the monarch who seems to be chosen by destiny to suffer the direct misfortunes, which have reached their crowning height in the year of his jubilee, but those who know him are persuaded that his deep religious feeling and sense of duty will sustain him. No political consequences of the assassination of the empress are

anticipated.

The Countess Sitaray, one of the empress ladies in waiting, telegraphed the awful news to Adjt. Gen. Count Paar, who received the message after 4 o'clock this afternoon and upon him fell the painful task of informing the emperor. All of the court dignifications are proceeding to Schoenbrunn. All of the theaters and to Schoenbrunn. All of the theaters and public amusements, including the exhibi-

"It is incomprehensible that anyone should lay a hand upon a woman, who, throughout her life, has done nothing but

A dispatch from Berne says that Luc-chini, the assassin of the empress, is a citizen of Parma, italy, but was born in Partis. He will receive no greater punish-ment than imprisonment because the Ge-neva law does not recognize the death negality.

A dispatch from a leva to the Neue Pric Presse confirm the details of the murder already publiced and adds: "The weapon used was in the nature of a shoemaker's awi. The empress was stabbed twice in the abdomen "When Count Paar and Count Thurn informed the emperor of the murder his majesty was wholly overcome. He sank to the ground, groaning, and cried:

'Am I not to be spared any pain or grief in this world?

"The Geneva police declare that they were not informed of the emprosa ar-rival in the city. "Lucchini lived at Lausanne and was working as a mason on the new postoffice.

OPPOSED TO REVISION. Emphatic Declaration of the French

Minister of War. Paris, Sept. 10.-Gen. Zurlinden, minister Brisson and M. Sarrien, minister of justice, today.

After the conference be declared that he was absolutely opposed to a revision of the Dreyfus case.

SICK SOLDIERS ARRIVE.

Edgar Coller, of Washington Among the Number.

Montauk Point, N. Y., Sept. 10 .- The hospital ship Missouri, which sailed from Santiago last Sanday arrived here this morning after a voyage of five and a cluding 39 of the Seventy-first New York, from the seven hospitals at Santiago and Siboney, the First and Second Division field. Nautical Club, vellow fever detention and detention reserve hospitals and the hospital ship Los Angeles. There were thirteen deaths on the trip up, all from typhoid fever. All were buried at sea, except Ebbe Ebbeson, Seventy-first New York, who died off Montauk this morning The ship only carried two men who

have had yellow fever and these are almost well. As the men went aboard the ship 135 were carried on litters because they were too weak to walk. Today only sixty-two were carried off the ship, the others having recovered on the way up The deaths on the trip were:

Corporal Dewitt, Twenty-third Michl gan; G. W. Hodgkiss, Second Massachusetts; Thomas Milan, Ninth Infantry; Levi Orcutt, Second Infantry; Guy Sca-cliffe, First Illinois; Charles Wilde, signal corps; E. A. Wilson, Twenty-third Michigan; S. J. Young, Seventh Infantry, and five members of the Seventy-first New York Volunteers

The sick from the Missouri were al taken to the general hospital,, where there are now \$50 patients. In the detention hospital are 168 sick and 153 convalescents Seventy-two sick men were sent to New York today and the Shinnecock is expect ed to take 250 tomorrow.

Several telegrams have been received today from Gen. Miles, which are under stood to order the quick movement of the It is a rumor in the camp that one o them was slightly contradictory to Sec-retary Alger's directions, and that when

this was pointed out to Gen. Miles he replied to go ahead with his orders, as h was the commanding general of the army. Pennsylvania Railroad.

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Endangered by the French Occupation of Fashoda.

France Abandon Her Position Without Further Ceremony or Fight It Out in the Channel-Cor-

(Special Cablegram-Copyrighted.) London, Sept. 16.-The news brought

from Omdurman on Wednesday morning. reaching London today, that Fashoda had been occupied by a European force, has concentrated the keenest attention on the Anglo-French relations on the Upper Nile. The question was bound to arise sooner or later, and apparently it will demand a settlement one way or the other in the very near future. It is practically certain that the Europeans in Fashoda are Marchand's French expedition, and they must have been there some little time to enable the rumor of their presence to reach Omdurman in time to permit the Khalifa's gunbeat to go and return by

Macdonald, who has been racing Marchand, was still at Uganda on May 27, and could scarcely be expected to arrive at Fashoda within three months. Assuming then, as must be done, that this force is French, its immediate treatment will foreshadow the likely course of events be tween Great Britain and France.

A Khartoum dispatch dated Septembe 4, stated that five gunboats had proceeded up the White Nile. The importance of this was immedately grasped here. It was generally assumed that the gunbouts had gone to join hands with Macdonald to forestall their rivals on the Upper Nile. If this had been effected, the question would have been much easier of solution on the basis that possession is nine points in the law. A second Khartoum dispatch dated September 5, said that four gunboats had proceeded up the White Nile one pursuing the Khalifa. One has returned and the others are due in Khartoum today.

An Omdurman dispatch dated Septembe. 7, says that the gunboat flotilla will go us the river as soon as possible.

Despite a certain amount of confusion it is plain that one or two gunboats ar already on the way to Fashoda and the rest are hastening thither in view of Wednesday's news. As Fashoda is nearly 400 mile south of Khartoum, and as navi-"The federal council of Switzerland ex-presses pain and amazement at the floating weed it must be some time by fore news from there is available.

In connection with this it is perhaps significant that the Sirdar has already ordered all the correspondents back to cairo, refusing them permission to go either to Fashoda or Kassala. Meanwhile it is only possible to speculate on what

may happen there. Great Britain long ago warned Franc that she would not tolerate any interfer ence in the Nile Valley and in her march from Egypt to Uganda. It has been suggested that Marchand's force may pose as a scientific expedition, thus avoiding immediate trouble. On the spot it is oth

The Spectator puts the British impe-

rialist view concisely, as follows: "They must be bundled off Fashoda without further ceremony, and France the matter out in the channel. It is never wise to talk too lightly of such a matter as war between Great Britain and France, but, considering public opinio here and the Sirdar's gunboats there, apart from the long settled British Nile policy, the situation is decidedly piquant." Even Paris has found time from the con sideration of the Dreyfus case to regard the possibilities. An inspired article in Eclair says:

"France is obliged to go to the White Nile to secure a base for expansion in the Congo and Ubangni colony. This is legitimate expansion, for the Congo is French, while Egypt is not a British colony."

The Figure also, referring to English desire for continuous empire from Alex-

"The sole remaining obstacle to Marchand is at Fashoda. Del Casse may be relied upon to uphold the rights of France already acquired, and see that such an heroic performance as Marchand's shall not be thrown away."

THE THIRD PENNSYLVANIA.

of Philadelphia Philadelphia, Sept. 10 .- The Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, arrived here at noon today, after a long and tire-

some ride from Knoxville, Tenn, The boys had suffered much in the camps, but the reception given them as they marched up Broad Street ma them forget the hardships they endured. All along the line of march they were greeted with a storm of cheers. vere marched along the principal streets to Industrial Hall, where a banquet was spread for them.

\$10 To Ningara Falls and Re- \$10 turn vin Pennsylvania Ratirond. Special train with coaches and paric ars will leave Washington at 7:55 a. m ten days, allow stop-over at Buffalo, Rochester and Watkins, returning. seS, 10, 12, 15pm-se0, 11, 12, 13am

MENACE TO SHIPPING.

Nineteen Torpedoes Lost in the Lower Mississippi. New Orleans, Sept. 10.—The destruction of the United States steamer Meigs, with the loss of six lives by a torpedo, has

alarmed the people living along the lower Mississippi below New Orleans and the owners of vessels engaged in the New Orleans trade, especially as Major Quinn who has charge of this lighthouse dis trict, has forwarded a recommendation to Washington that the work of taking up the torpedoes guarding the approach to the harbor of New Orioans be perma nently abandoned, because of the grea danger involved and that the nineteen tor pedoes still floating or grounded som-where in the lower Mississippt be left to take care of themselves.

The explosion so demoralized the men

engaged in removing the torpedoes that not one of them can be induced to under-

take the work again.

While Major Quinn thinks the abandonment of the search for mines will not prove a menace to shipping because the buoys mark all the space through which pilots may steer their vessels in safety, it is contended that the lower Mississippi will be closed to all except els salling in the very center of th

The river bank on both sides will cor tinue a danger to all skiffs, oyster boats and similar vessels. The hunter or fisher who goes down the river in a skiff will risk his life if he ventures into the bays and inlets, anywhere out of the chi

and inlets, anywhere out of the channels marked by the buoys.

The torpedo which blew up the Meigs had been four months under water, but was apparently as "live" as ever.

If these affacteen missing torpedoes are allowed to drift off like derelicts they will be a great deal more dangerous than the floating derelicts of the ocean, which the United States, England and other naval nowers are engaged in destroying naval powers are engaged in destroying

THE CUBAN COMMISSION.

Formally Received by Representatives of Gen. Blanco. Havana, Sept. 10.-The American cruise solute, having on board the American

Evacuation Con port this morning. feeling of the Spanish officers around here with regard to the home gov rnment surrendering without doing any fighting has been very heated, and they have even gone so far as partially to arrange for resignation from the army in a ody. It is not yet settled that this will

It is reported from a Spanish source that the insurgents, after a consultation among the leaders, sent envoys to this city recently, offering to co-operate with the Spanish troops against the Americans. Their offers were refused by Gen. Blanco. Gen. Solano, representing Gen. Blanco Col. Bentier, of the general staff, and Secretary Congosto, went to receive the numbers of the Commission.

The city is quiet. The American vessels in the harbor saluted the Resolute. Flags tre being ruised all over the city. The Commissioners are in good health. MISS BARTON LEAVES TAMPA.

Mr. McKinley Will Grant Her a Personal Interview. Tampa, Fia., Sept. 10.-Miss Clara Bar-on left tonight for Washington, having ceived a telegram stating that she will be granted a personal interview with President McKinley. Several members of her staff accompanied her to Washington, The remainder of the party remained here and are located at a cottage placed at

their disposal by a generous citizen.

The supplies taken to Havana and brought back on the Clinton have been brought up to the city and stored in a warehouse until the Government makes ents for storing or delivering them in Havana. A quantity of these supplies are being distributed among the needy Cubans here.

THE KANAPAHA WRECKED. Ised as a Dispatch Boat During the

War. Santlago, Sept. 10.-Gen. Lawton reeived a dispatch today from the north coast of the island saying that the steam vacht Kanapaha, Capt. Atchinson, was recked on the reefs above the Bay of Nine September 8. The boat was a total

W. J. Chamberlain, of the New York Sun's staff, was in charge of the boat, and was on his way from Porto Rico to Havana. The Kanapaha was chartered the Sun before the outbreak of the ras a dispatch boat. She was for

SAILS FOR PORTSMOUTH.

Spanish Prisoners. New York, Sept. 10.-The Anchor Lin teamship City of Rome sailed this afternoon for Portsmouth, N. H., where she will take on board Admiral Cervera and the Spanish sallors now held as prisoner

of war at Camp Long. Capt. Concas, of the Maria Theresa Capt. Eulate, of the Vizcaya, and sever-other officers, who had arrived in the city in advance, boarded the City of Rome

TROOPS FROM PORTO RICO. The Transport Panama Arrive

Safely at Newport News. Newport News, Va., Sept. 10.-The transport Panama arrived at Old Point Comfort this evening from Porto Rice with 250 soldiers aboard. They are said to be from Illinois, Wisconsin, and other

regiments. Twenty-five of the men ar sick. It is not known what disposition will be made of the troops, but unless there is sickness of a contagious natur on board the sick will probably be placed in the general hospital at Fort Monroe auxiliary cruiser Dixle, with th Maryland naval reserves on board, salted for Baltimore this evening. It is reported that she will be put out of commission after delivering her crew at the Monu

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

mental City.

The President Communicates With The President sent the following mes sage of condolence to the Emperor of

"His Majesty the Emperor of Austria Vienna: I have heard with profound re gret of the assassination of ner majesty the Empress of Austria while at Geneva and tender to your majesty the deep sym-pathy of the Government and people of the United States

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY." Men Look Elsewhere, But Buy Here Drop in and let's talk it over.

Twelfth Street northwest.

THREE CENTS.

THE FIRST STEP IS TAKEN

Niue Men Asked to Examine the Conduct of the War.

THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

He Sends a Message to Those Who It Is His Desire Shall Serve on the Investigating Committee - The Matter Should Have Been Left to Congress, Mr. McKinley Thinks.

The President has decided that the prolosed investigation of the army administrution shall be made by a civil board, osed of representative persons who have had experience in military affairs. Mr. McKinley yielded reluctantly to the demand for an investigation, which he believed should not be made at this time, and sent this message by telegraph to sev-

eral persons yesterday afternoon: "Will you render the country a great service by accepting my appointment as member of the committee to examine into the conduct of the commissary, quartermaster and medical bureaus of the War Department during the war, and into the extent, causes and treatment of sickness in the field and in the camp? It is my desire that the full and exact truth shall be ascertained and made known. I cannot too strongly impress upon you my earnest wish that this committee shall be of such high character as will commend the complete confidence of the country, and I trust you will consent to serve."

The President's Selections.

The persons to whom this message was addressed and whom the President wishes to appoint on the Commission are Lieut, Gen. J. M. Schoffeld; Gen. J. B. Gordon, of Georgia; Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, of New York: President D. C. Gilman, of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Gen. C. F. Manderson, of Nebraska; Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, of Illinois; Hon. D. S. Lamont, of New York; Dr. W. W. Keen, of Grand Rapids, and Col. James A. Sex-

ton, of Illinois. It appears from the President's message that the investigation of the army is to be confined to the commissary, quartermaster and medical departments, and that the conduct of the campaign in Santlago is not to be examined.

The belief prevails, however, that it will be found difficult to conduct an examination of these three departments without bringing out facts in regard to the line officers of the army, naturally suggesting proceedings which the Commission is not asked to carry or The letter which Secretary Alger hand-

ed to the President Thursday night asked for an investigation of the three staff departments only, and the President has thus complied literally with the Secretary's request. It is known that President Mckinley was loath to order an i vestigation of the army at this time, and this disinclination is shown by his compliance with merely the letter of Secre-

tary Alger's request. A Matter for Congress.

The President believes that the investigation of the army administration should be conducted by a joint committee of Congress. An investigation is necessarily an examination of the Administration, of which the President is the head, and he believes, as do many others, that the appointment of a commission might more appropriately be made by Congress than by the head of the Administration, who has himself been the object of some of the criticisms of the conduct of the war.

The opinion provails among army officers in Washington that Congress will yet order the investigation, which so many senators and members are known to be in favor of. Serious criticism of the proposed method of conducting an examina tion of the staff departments is made by many officers. Among those opposed to it is Gen. Miles. He believes that Cougress is the only power which can approprintely be invoked for the examination of charges such as have been made against the Administration.

He believes also that the investigation should cover every phase of the war, and that the line of the army, as well as the staff, should be subjected to official serutiny. To order an investigation of the staff departments only is to assume that the staff alone is responsible for the alleged mistakes of the war. Serious doubt is expressed by some of-

ficers in regard to the willingness of army officers to testify against their superior officers before a civil commission. It was found long ago that civilians could not be compelled to testify in a military court, and there is a feeling among army officers decidedly averse to being brought before a civil commission to give testinony concerning the official acts of their

The most serious objection found to the proposed method of conducting the investigation is that the Santiago campaign, except as the quartermasters, commisaries, and medical officers are concerned, will not be the object of examination by

A few weeks ago a dispute arose between Gen. Shafter and Surgeon General Sternberg as to the responsibility for suffering and neglect among the soldiers in Santiago. Each said more or less plainly that the other was at fault. Now, those who believe that the coming investigation set-if-em should include the whole military ad-